



## ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET

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### **KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES COMMISSION TO MEET** *Hike planned for observation of rare Short's goldenrod*

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Aug. 30, 2006) – The Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) will conduct a quarterly public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2006, in the Arlington Room at the Blue Licks State Resort Park, Highway 68 in Mount Olivet, Ky., beginning at 10 a.m. EDT.

Upon completion of the meeting and lunch, there will be a hike through the preserve to view Short's goldenrod (*Solidago shortii*), one of Kentucky's rarest plants, which is expected to be in bloom. Additional information is available by calling (502) 573-2886.

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The Commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in a state nature preserve system.

The meeting facility is accessible to people with disabilities. KSNPC will provide, upon request, reasonable accommodations including auxiliary aids and services necessary to afford individuals with disabilities an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. To make special arrangements, contact Leslie Isaman at KSNPC by Sept. 8, 2006, at (502) 573-2886 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. EDT.

Information about the Commission can be obtained by mail at KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Ky. 40601-1403, by telephone (502) 573-2886 or via Internet at [www.naturepreserves.ky.gov](http://www.naturepreserves.ky.gov).

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